the trains and there were protests by the commuters in this regard;

(b) what is the average number of bogies attached per train on this sector and the percentage of passengers travelling on the roofs, footboards, etc;

(c) what steps are being taken to meet the requirements of passengers by way of increasing the number of bogies per train and the frequency of the trains; and

(d) whether there is a persistent demand from the commuters to convert the passenger trains into shuttle services running in the morning and evening, to meet the demand of office-goers, if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) There are seven pairs of trains on Delhi-Shamli sector and 4 pairs on Shamli-Saharanpur section. The occupation figures of these trains do show marginal overcrowding.

(b) and (c) Trains on Delhi-Shamli-Saharanpur section are scheduled to run with 8 to 12 coaches, excepting 1|2 SSM trains which runs with 5 coaches. Augmentation of existing trains will be progressively done as and when additional general Second Class type of coaches become available.

(d) Convenient morning and evening services are already available.

Agitation by Karmachari Union of AIIMS

2631. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karmachari Union of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, has launched an agitation in protest against the alleged failure of the authorities in full-filling their demands;

(b) if so, what are their main demands;

(c) whether any of the said demands has been considered; and

(d) if so, what has been the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) Implementation of the backlog promotion scheme.

(ii) Construction of residential quarters and removal of unauthorised jhuggies from the Institutes land.

(c) and (d) The Government are already processing the backlog promotion scheme. As regards the construction of quarters, the Institute has decided to construct more staff quarters subject to availability of funds. Regarding the removal of jhuggies, the Institute authorities had requested the Delhi Development Authority in this regard who have, in turn, informed that necessary action will be taken alternate land becomes available for settling the jhuggi-dwellers. The Institute has also posted security guards to prevent further encroachment.

Shortage of butter and ghee in Delhi

2632. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any reports or complaints regarding shortage of butter and vegetable ghee in the Union Territory of Delhi; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to meet the requirements of the people for these commodities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Amendments in the Trade and Merchandise Act, 1958

2633. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Trade and Merchandise Act, 1958, and the Trade and Merchandise Marks Rules, 1959;